



India Breaks Pakistan's Pride with Op Sindoor: PM Modi

India crippled Pakistan's air and defense systems, says PM
'Operation Sindoor' delivers a strong anti-terror message
India sets a new Pakistan doctrine
No more nuclear blackmail
Blood and water won't flow together (Indus Treaty is dead)
Strikes are paused, India remains on high alert, Operation Sindoor continues
Talks with Pakistan only on terrorism and PoK
India is capable of striking deep into Pakistan's heartland

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered a powerful address to the nation outlining India's new national security posture, following the success of Operation Sindoor. In a direct message to Pakistan and global terror sponsors, Modi declared that India will no longer tolerate terrorism or nuclear blackmail, and has now set the rules for future engagement. "Those who were proud of their nuclear weapons, radar systems and air bases have been shown their place. What Pakistan was proud of... India has badly damaged them," said the Prime Minister. Calling Operation Sindoor a tribute to the Indian women whose sindoor (sacred mark) was wiped away by terrorism, he said, "This operation is a

lesson to those who dared to do that." Modi revealed that Indian forces launched precise drone and missile attacks on major terror hubs like Bahawalpur and Muridke, dismantling their infrastructure and pushing Pakistan into panic. He said Pakistani missiles were intercepted and destroyed before crossing into Indian territory, while India's counterstrikes severely damaged Pakistan's defense systems and air bases. "Pakistan is in despair... its fighter jets can't even take off. Their defense infrastructure is crippled, and they've appealed to the world for a ceasefire," Modi said. The PM underlined that India will no longer be cowed



by nuclear threats. "This is not the age of war, and terrorism is worse than war. India won't stay silent when terror is funded and protected," he asserted. The Prime Minister also clarified that from now on, any dialogue with Pakistan will be held only on India's terms — and only if Pakistan eliminates terror camps on its soil. In conclusion, Modi praised

the unity of Indian citizens, political parties, and soldiers in standing strong against terror. He emphasized the country's defense strength — not just in its weaponry, but also in its resolve. "India's patience is not weakness. The world has now seen India's strength, and Pakistan has felt it firsthand," he declared.

USED TRADE TO STOP INDIA, PAKISTAN TENSIONS

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U.S. President Donald Trump has once again claimed credit for brokering what he described as a "full and immediate ceasefire" between India and Pakistan during his tenure. Trump asserted that his administration used the leverage of trade to de-escalate tensions between the two nuclear-armed neighbours. Speaking at a public event, Trump said, "On Saturday, my Administration helped broker a full and immediate ceasefire — I think a permanent one — between India and Pakistan, ending a dangerous conflict of two nations with lots of nuclear weapons." He went on to elaborate how his trade-based approach influenced both sides: "We helped a lot, and we helped with the trade. I said, 'Come on, we are going to do a lot of trade with you guys, so let's stop it.' People would have never really used trade the way I used it. Then all of a sudden they said — let's stop."

Trump reiterates his admin bro-



kered peace between India & Pakistan. He said he used Trade & threatened both nations with Zero trade if they did not stop. The leadership listened to it and stopped. India dismisses Trump trade/ceasefire remarks Sources "After Operation Sindoor commenced, VP J D Vance spoke to PM on 09 May. Secretary Rubio spoke to EAM on 8 May and 10 May and to NSA on 10 May. There was no reference to trade in any of these discussions"

India Takes Down Pak's China, Turkey-Made Systems



"We didn't hit Kirana Hills," says Air Marshal AK Bharti

DGMOs agree on no firing, troop de-escalation

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In a significant assertion, top Indian military officials revealed on Monday that Indian forces successfully neutralised Pakistan's air defence systems sourced from China and Turkey. These systems, part of a complex multi-layered air defence grid comprising both modern and vintage weaponry, were reportedly taken down during precision operations. Speaking at a special press conference convened by the Directors General of Military Operations (DGMOs), Air Marshal Awadhesh Kumar Bharti, Director General of Air Operations (DGAO), also addressed recent speculation regarding India's targeting of the Kirana Hills region in Pakistan — known to house sensitive installations. Dismissing the claims, he said,

"Thank you for telling us that Kirana Hills houses some nuclear installation. We did not know about it. And we have not hit Kirana Hills, whatever is there." The briefing also saw a symbolic moment as Air Marshal Bharti recited a verse from the Ramcharitmanas, echoing India's strategic pivot from patience to decisive action: "Vinay na maanat jaladh jad, gaye teen din beeti. Bole Ram sakop tab, bhay binu hoi na preeti." The verse, originally from Tulsidas and later echoed by poet Ramdhari Singh Dinkar, conveys that humility is often ignored unless backed by strength — drawing a direct parallel to India's current posture. "This robust air defence system comprises a large variety of multi-layered air defence sensors and weapon systems. From point defence weapons, like the low-level air defence guns, shoulder-fired MANPADs, and short-range surface-to-air missiles, to area defence weapons, like the air defence fighters, and longer-range surface-to-air missiles are within our infantry," said Air Marshal Bharti.

Congress Leaders Protest at MP Etala's Residence



TPN Correspondent | Medchal
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CM Inaugurates Sonata Software Office



Hyderabad becoming a key center for software, life sciences, and AI

Rs. 3 lakh crore investments generated

Telangana aims for trillion-dollar economy

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Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy inaugurated the new office of Sonata Software, a leading technology firm, at Nanakramguda in Hyderabad. Speaking at the event, the Chief Minister highlighted Hyderabad's rapid growth as a Global Capability Center (GCC) hub in both the software and life sciences sectors. He emphasized that the

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Balaji Developers' Invasion

Can Water Resources Be Protected?

Private venture's illegal activities threaten village water supply

Local farmers face severe water shortage during drought

Call for immediate action from officials to stop the exploitation

Balaji Developers illegally drawing water from Rudraram pond, Patancheru



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
In the village of Rudraram, located in Patan Cheru Mandal of Sangareddy district, a serious issue has emerged involving the illegal exploitation of water resources. Balaji Developers, a private venture, has

been found installing motors in a large pond and drawing water, an act that is not only illegal but also undermines the local agricultural ecosystem.

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Amid growing cross-border tensions, India’s DGMO Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai held a hotline conversation with his Pakistani counterpart Maj Gen Kashif Abdullah around 5 PM on Monday, slightly delayed from the scheduled 12 noon. Defence sources confirmed that both sides agreed to uphold the ceasefire, refrain from fresh aggression, and explore reducing troop concentrations along the Line of Control (LoC) and forward areas. “All our military bases and systems

continue to remain fully operational and ready for any future missions,” Air Marshal Bharti added, indicating India’s state of high alert despite the diplomatic outreach. The developments come under the larger umbrella of Operation Sindoor — India’s active response to increasing provocations from across the border, while maintaining a firm commitment to peace and territorial integrity.

Balaji Developers’ Invasion

The ponds in these villages are critical for irrigation, drinking water, and livestock. During drought conditions, they serve as the last hope for farmers to save their crops. Now, with private ventures like Balaji Developers siphoning off water, the situation has become dire. The water levels in the pond are rapidly decreasing, putting the future of agriculture in jeopardy. Local residents have expressed deep frustration over the situation, saying their complaints to Panchayat officials and other relevant departments have gone unanswered. Many believe that this illegal activity is

taking place with the tacit support of political figures. The community is calling for immediate action from the District Collector and other officials to seize the equipment used in this illegal activity, impose heavy fines, and set up surveillance systems to prevent such occurrences in the future. The water resources of the village belong to the people, and it is the collective responsibility to protect them. The public must unite against these violations to ensure that future generations have access to clean water and that private interests do not exploit this vital resource.

Telangana Targets Surplus, clean Energy Leadership

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Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka lauded the efforts of electricity department staff, saying their dedication enabled uninterrupted power supply across Telangana even during peak demand in March. Speaking at an interaction program held at Praja Bhavan in Hyderabad with the staff of South Telangana Electricity Distribution Company (SPDCL), he said the state has grown into a model for power reliability only because employees worked like a family. He praised the staff for disproving detractors who predicted power shortages under the Congress government. “Not a single minute of outage was reported despite demand exceeding 17,162 MW,” he said. Bhatti emphasized that every high-level decision was implemented sincerely at the field level, which made such achievements possible. The Deputy CM revealed a plan to instill unity among all ranks—from linemen to the CMD—by introducing uniforms designed by the National In-

stitute of Fashion Technology (NIFT). “We are all one, and these uniforms will symbolize our commitment and unity,” he said. Highlighting the proactive governance style, he stated, “Our government doesn’t take decisions behind closed doors. We take ideas from the people, including electricity staff, and act accordingly.” He also assured that he is personally available to address any unresolved issues faced by employees, beyond what management can handle. The state, he said, is preparing to meet growing electricity needs driven by IT growth and data center expansion. Telangana has signed MoUs with Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh for solar, thermal, and hydel power generation. A new energy policy focused on clean and surplus power is also in the pipeline, aiming to make Telangana a power-exporting state. He concluded by promising to develop power sector companies that every employee can be proud of.

CM Inaugurates Sonata Software Office

city is also emerging as a critical node for AI-ready data centers and the manufacturing sector, thanks to the state government’s progressive and investor-friendly policies. Revanth Reddy revealed that Telangana has already attracted investments worth ₹3 lakh crore, which has led to the creation of over one lakh new job opportunities. Reiterating his administration’s vision, the Chief Minister said that Telangana is being developed with a balanced focus on four pillars — development, attracting investments, generating employment, and ensur-

ing public welfare. He stated, “We are planning to organize more world-class initiatives in the state to sustain this momentum.” Revanth Reddy reaffirmed the government’s ambition to transform Telangana into a trillion-dollar economy. He called upon industrialists, business leaders, and citizens to join hands with the government in achieving this vision. He also assured that his administration will continue to foster a favorable climate for businesses while enhancing employment avenues for the youth across the state.

Congress Leaders Protest at MP Etala’s Residence

controversial remarks directed at Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. In response to the agitation, police have established a tight cordon around MP Rajender’s house in Medchal Pudur to prevent the protesters from gathering. The situation escalated as leaders from BJP and BJYM reached the scene in large numbers to support Etala Rajender. Key leaders held a meeting

with their supporters, with several activists warning that they would not tolerate the arrival of Youth Congress protestors. The political tensions have sparked a strong response from both sides, with each group expressing unwavering support for their respective leaders. As of now, authorities are closely monitoring the situation to prevent any further escalation.

Commercial Taxes Department Achieves Its Targets

- **Wider Use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition Urged**
- **Identify Genuine Beneficiaries in Tribal Societies**

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka chaired a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Resource Mobilization on Monday at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat. Ministers Utam Kumar Reddy, Duddilla Sridhar Babu, and Jupally Krishna Rao, who are members of the committee, participated in the meeting. Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu stated that compared to the previous year, the Commercial Taxes Department recorded an overall 6% growth, which he described as a positive development. He said that in March, the department had set a revenue target of Rs. 600 crore through CST and VAT, and approximately Rs. 500 crore was realized. He emphasized the need for a well-structured plan moving forward and advised officials accordingly. He directed officials to identify and rectify any revenue leakages in the Excise Department to enhance income. Although good progress has been seen in the sale of apartments and flats, the expected momentum



is lacking in the sale of agricultural lands and open plots. The group of ministers instructed officials to analyze the situation and take appropriate action. Regarding the Transport Department, the ministers directed that the newly introduced Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system be widely implemented across various departments to conduct large-scale inspections. They further instructed the Tribal Welfare Department to ensure that sand sales in tribal areas be conducted through tribal societies, identifying genuine beneficiaries and enrolling them as members. They stressed that the department must take this seriously and implement it carefully to ensure real tribal members receive income.

The group of ministers also instructed Revenue officials to identify valuable government lands in district centers and take immediate steps to protect them. The HMDA (Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority) was advised to expedite the process of issuing construction permits. Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao, R&B Principal Secretary Vikas Raj, CCLA Commissioner Naveen Mittal, Commercial Taxes Principal Secretary Rizvi, Mines & Geology Principal Secretary Sridhar, Industries Principal Secretary Sanjay Kumar, Commercial Taxes Commissioner Haritha, Transport Commissioner Surendra Mohan, Registration Commissioner Buddha Prakash Jyothi, and Deputy CM’s Special Secretary Krishna Bhaskar were present at the meeting.

Won’t Remain Silent if Etala Continues to Speak Like This

- TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud

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TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud launched a scathing counterattack on BJP MP Etala Rajender, warning him to refrain from making personal and arbitrary comments against Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. Speaking at a press conference held at Gandhi Bhavan on Monday, Mahesh Kumar Goud, joined by MP Anil Kumar, Komuraiah, Nizamuddin, Indira Shobhan, and Bhaskar Yadav, criticized Etala for resorting to unwarranted political attacks due to frustration over being denied the BJP state president post. Goud sarcastically questioned Etala’s identity—asking whether he belongs to the Reddy or Mudiraju caste—and alleged that caste confusion and political greed were driving his recent outbursts. “Despite having years of political experience, Etala is speaking in a manner that even civil society finds shameful,” Goud said. He accused Etala of being



one of the “KCR Alibaba Choris” who financially bankrupted Telangana during the previous BRS regime. Further slamming Etala’s credibility, Goud questioned whether Etala had forgotten the Endowment land grabbing case in which he was allegedly involved. He pointed out that Etala, who once served as Finance Minister, bears responsibility for the financial collapse of the state under the BRS administration. He also said Etala joined the BJP out of compulsion, claiming he was “a child of BC who had no other polit-

ical choice.” Criticizing Etala’s recent statements, Mahesh Kumar Goud asked how he could attack CM Revanth Reddy—a leader with significant political experience and a decade-long ministerial background under KCR—when the Congress government is delivering on its promises. Goud defended the Congress administration by listing achievements such as farmer loan waivers, over 60,000 jobs created, free bus travel for women, and key welfare initiatives in education, healthcare, and food distribution. He emphasized that Telangana is progressing in industrial development despite the global economic crisis. He accused BJP leaders, including Etala and Bandi Sanjay, of trying to stall Telangana’s progress with divisive tactics and criticized their ambiguous stance on the BC Bill. “If Sadhvi or any BJP leader criticizes the government constructively, that’s acceptable. But if they speak with selfish intent, we will not tolerate it,” he concluded.

162 Return to Telangana from J&K, Punjab Amid Indo-Pak Tensions

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In the wake of escalating Indo-Pak tensions, 162 people from Telangana have returned safely from Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab, according to a state government press release on Monday, May 12. The evacuees include 56 individuals from various educational institutions in Jammu & Kashmir and 106 from Punjab. The Telangana government, through its Resident Commissioner’s office at Telangana Bhawan in New Delhi, has extended full support and temporary accommodation to the returnees. Of the 162, around 130 have already been sent to their hometowns after being provided necessary logistical and financial assistance. The remaining individuals continue to stay at Telangana Bhawan until further arrangements are made. Dr. Gaurav Uppal, Resident Commissioner of Telangana Bhawan, reviewed the facilities and personally interacted with the students. Many of them expressed a desire to



visit their families first and return to their campuses only after the situation completely stabilizes. Dr. Uppal advised them to remain in touch with their institutions and assured them of continued support from the Telangana government. To ensure continuity in education, Dr. Uppal contacted university authorities and requested them to facilitate online classes for the affected students. Most institutions responded positively, agreeing to accommodate the students’ concerns. A few final-year students also expressed hesitation in returning immediately, to which Dr. Uppal as-

sured that they are welcome to stay at Telangana Bhawan for as long as needed. Meanwhile, the central government on Monday issued a NOTAM (Notice to Airmen) to reopen 32 airports that had been temporarily shut since May 9 due to increased drone and missile attacks triggered by cross-border tensions following the Pahalgam massacre of 26 Indian tourists. These attacks, believed to be backed by Islamabad-based terrorist groups, had led to severe security restrictions across northern India. Although a ceasefire agreement is currently holding following a request from Pakistan’s Director General of Military Operations (DGMO), the reopening of airports will be carried out gradually to ensure public safety. The Telangana government reiterated that it will continue to monitor the situation and extend all possible support to citizens from the state affected by the ongoing tensions.

Kavitha Alleges TGIIC Land Mortgage Conspiracy

Accuses CM of risking 1.75 lakh acres for stock exchange loans

Claims GO was issued to convert TGIIC to a public limited firm

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In a sensational political development, BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha has made serious allegations against Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of orchestrating a conspiracy to mortgage 1.75 lakh acres of Telangana land through the Telangana Government Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIIC). Speaking to the media on Monday, Kavitha claimed that the Congress government has secretly issued a Government Order (GO) to convert TGIIC from a private limited compa-



ny into a public limited one. She alleged that this move was made solely to raise thousands of crores in loans by mortgag-

ing government lands on the stock exchange. "I have specific evidence. The change in the company's status was kept hidden from the

public. Why should Telangana's land be mortgaged on the stock exchange without informing the people?" she questioned. Kavitha warned that if there were any losses in the stock exchange transactions, it would directly impact the ownership and future of the lands belonging to the people of Telangana. She demanded the government immediately withdraw its decision to convert TGIIC into a public limited company. She further accused Revanth Reddy of driving Telangana into massive debt. "In just 16 months, CM Revanth Reddy

has burdened the state with ₹1.8 lakh crore in loans, but not a single welfare scheme has been fully implemented," she said, adding that even flagship promises like the Mahalaxmi scheme and gold distribution to brides have not materialized. Kavitha demanded clarity on where the money went, alleging that ₹1 lakh crore was funneled to large contractors and that nearly ₹20,000 crore reached the Chief Minister's personal treasury through alleged 20% commissions. "This is a 20% commission government. A minister is

even clearing bills for his own company and Megha company instead of developmental works," she said, urging the government to release a white paper on all financial transactions. She also accused the government of mortgaging 400 acres in Kancha Gachibowli to raise ₹10,000 crore, drawing sharp criticism from environmentalists due to potential ecological damage. Finally, Kavitha condemned Revanth Reddy's public statements, stating they were "insulting to the self-respect of Telangana."

Etala Is Like Congress Party's Great-Grandson: Jagga Reddy



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TPCC working president and former MLA Jagga Reddy came down heavily on BJP MP Etala Rajender following his recent remarks targeting Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. Dismissing Etala's comments as baseless and meaningless, Jagga Reddy said on Monday that such criticisms will not be tolerated. Reacting strongly, Jagga Reddy said, "I became a councillor at the age of 19, and Etala was still a student back then. He is junior to me in politics." He went on to challenge the meaning behind the word "randa" used by Etala, stating, "Let him first explain what that word means. I'll give a befitting reply." He reminded Etala that it was KCR who brought him into politics and that without the BRS founder, Etala would not have even become a known political face. "If KCR hadn't created the party, someone else would have taken that place. Etala's rise is not out of merit," he said. Jagga Reddy further stated, "I'm good to good people and a rowdy to rowdies. If you abuse once, we'll abuse a hundred times. Behave yourself and earn respect." He also took a dig at Etala's relevance, remarking, "Compared to the long legacy of the Congress party, Etala is like a great-grandson. He is too new to question Congress." Slamming Etala's political journey, Jagga Reddy said, "He was a problem even within BRS. That's why KCR expelled him. I am not a hybrid leader like him, I am a native one," he asserted. In his closing remarks, Jagga Reddy warned Etala against attacking Revanth Reddy and the Congress, saying any such attempts would be met with a strong counter. "Ask Kishan Reddy and Venkaiah Naidu if you want to know who I am," he added.

Telangana Becomes National Model with Caste Survey

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Telangana has set a national precedent in the fight for social justice, with the state successfully conducting a comprehensive and transparent caste survey for Backward Classes (BC) and passing a landmark bill to increase BC reservations to 42% in education and politics, said Telangana BC Welfare and Transport Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar on Sunday. Prabhakar emphasized that Telangana has become a model for the rest of India by fulfilling the promise made by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during the Bharat Jodo Yatra to conduct a nationwide caste census. The survey in Telangana was carried out by the BC Commission, led by Busani Venkateswara Rao, with support from nearly one lakh government employees, and was praised for its transparency and adherence to the law. The minister confirmed that the bill, which increases BC reservations, has been passed by both Houses of the Telangana Legislature and approved by the



state Governor. The bill is now awaiting assent from the President of India. Prabhakar called on BJP leaders in the state to take responsibility and ensure that the bill gets clearance at the national level. He criticized the BJP-led central government for allegedly opposing similar BC welfare initiatives in states like Maharashtra, Bihar, and Jharkhand, where political instability followed the implementation of such programs. "This shows the Centre's unwillingness to support genuine social justice," Prabhakar stated. In response to BJP leader Laxman's criti-

cism, Prabhakar reaffirmed that the Congress government is open to explaining the survey process, which has already been praised by major BC associations and intellectuals. The minister also questioned the BJP's commitment to BC representation, pointing out the lack of a BC leader as BJP's national president or Leader of the Opposition. "Society will not accept token gestures while real leadership opportunities are denied," he asserted. Highlighting the economic challenges faced by BC communities, including rising prices, job losses, and cuts in welfare schemes, Prabhakar stressed that initiatives like the BC survey and reservation bill are critical for addressing the concerns of these communities. Calling the 42% reservation law a "role model for the country," Prabhakar urged the central government to conduct a nationwide caste census and to withdraw its earlier affidavit in the Supreme Court opposing it.

Etela's ideological shift has "damaged his thinking"

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Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy has launched a scathing attack on BJP MP Etela Rajender for his recent criticisms of Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing Etela of indulging in political theatrics to secure a place within the BJP hierarchy. Responding to Etela's comments, Chamala said, "You came from a communist ideology and entered the BJP. It seems that the journey from the left wing to the right has damaged your thinking." He questioned Etela's political judgment, stating that he joined BJP without understanding the dynamics of the party, following a fallout with BRS. Chamala alleged that Etela had hoped for a key position in the party, possibly even the state



presidency, and is now disillusioned as none of that materialized. "You are deluding yourself that by at-

tacking CM Revanth Reddy, you'll get rewarded by your high command. But your problems lie within BJP, not outside. Your frustration is with your own party's leadership, not the government," Chamala asserted. He also hinted at an internal rift within BJP, stating that senior party leaders are unwilling to promote Etela and that his constant criticisms of the Chief Minister are driven by personal ambition rather than public interest. Taking a dig at Etela's alleged backchannel ties with the BRS, Chamala said, "There are leaders in BJP who still maintain relations with KCR. That's the reality." He concluded his remarks with a warning: "The tears of farmers are not good. Don't play politics with people's pain."

BJP Slams Jagga Reddy, Demands Apology Over Remarks on Etala

TPN Correspondent | Telangana
BJP State Secretary Dr. S. Prakash Reddy came down heavily on TPCC working president Jagga Reddy for his recent remarks targeting BJP MP Etala Rajender. Speaking at a press meet, Dr. Prakash Reddy demanded a public apology from Jagga Reddy, accusing him of making irresponsible statements and insulting the sacrifices of Indian soldiers. "We strongly condemn the statements made by Jagga Reddy against Etala Rajender. He has no patriotism and lacks even basic historical knowledge," Dr. Reddy said. Referring

to the Pahalgam terror incident, he asserted that the Indian Army had given a strong response on Pakistani soil, and Jagga Reddy's criticism of that effort was unacceptable. He also recalled Jagga Reddy's past controversial comments about Lord Ram, accusing him of distorting facts. "He once said Lord Ram was not secular. He clearly doesn't know that there was no religion called Muslim during Ram's era. Jagga Reddy has no understanding of Indian history," Dr. Reddy said. The BJP leader further targeted the Congress party over its past actions during key moments in



India's history. "When 93,000 Pakistani soldiers surrendered in 1971, Indira Gandhi signed the Shimla Agreement without

any strategic demands. Jagga Reddy won't speak a word about that. Nehru's daughter declared a ceasefire during a

critical military operation in PoK. Isn't her family still leading the Congress party?" he questioned. Calling Jagga Reddy a political opportunist, Dr. Reddy said, "He is someone who changes parties like a chameleon. He once criticized Revanth Reddy harshly when he was PCC chief. Now he's defending him. It's clear he trampled at their feet for positions and power. This man represents a vile political culture. Etala Rajender merely questioned the dictatorial style of the Congress government, and instead of responding to those valid concerns, Jagga Reddy resorted to

personal attacks," he said. He alleged that the Congress party was prioritizing beauty pageants while neglecting the promises it made earlier. "They opposed e-car races under BRS rule but now are spending public funds on fashion shows. The Congress has conspired to grab lands near Ibrahimpatnam and Kodangal to build pharma and satellite cities at the cost of the poor." Dr. Prakash Reddy concluded by demanding a public apology from Jagga Reddy. "If he doesn't stop this foolishness and apologise, the people will teach him a lesson,".

Miss World Contestants Visit Buddhavanam on Buddha Purnima

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On the occasion of Buddha Purnima, Miss World 2025 contestants from 22 countries visited Buddhavanam, a sprawling Buddhist heritage theme park situated along the banks of the Krishna River near Nagarjuna Sagar in Nalgonda district. The visit was part of the Telangana government's broader initiative to promote heritage tourism during the prestigious global event. The contestants engaged in meditation and spiritual programmes as they explored the serene landscapes of Buddhavanam. Noted archaeologist Dr. E. Sivanagi Reddy explained the historical and cultural significance of the park, which left the participants visibly impressed. They expressed appreciation for the intricately sculpted panels and installations portraying key moments from the life of Gautama Buddha. Located near the iconic Nagarjuna Sagar Dam, Buddhavanam spans 279 acres and is divided into thematic segments including Buddha Charitha Vanam, Jataka Park, Dhyana Vanam, Stupa Vanam, and Maha Stupa. It also houses a dedicated Buddhist Heritage Museum, offering visitors a comprehensive understanding of Buddhist art and philosophy. Before reaching Buddhavanam, the contestants took part in a photo shoot at Vijay Vihar, a scenic location close to the dam. The Nagarjuna Sagar region itself carries historical weight, named after Nagarjuna Konda,



a flourishing Mahayana Buddhist centre and the former capital of the Ikshvaku dynasty during the 3rd and 4th centuries AD. Participants at the event included representatives from India, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Myanmar, Vietnam, Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Mongolia, Nepal, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Türkiye, China, Thailand, and Armenia. As part of today's scheduled activities, the Miss World contestants will take part in a heritage walk at the historic Charminar and later attend a royal welcome dinner at the Nizam-era Chowmahalla Palace in Hy-

derabad. The city police and administration have made extensive security and logistical arrangements for the smooth conduct of the events. The Miss World 2025 pageant officially commenced with a grand opening ceremony in Hyderabad on May 10 and will continue until May 31. The Telangana government is actively leveraging the event to boost the state's global visibility and tourism appeal. The contestants will also visit other key attractions in the state, including heritage monuments from the Nizam era and the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Ramappa temple in Warangal.

Police Recover 310 Stolen Phones Worth ₹95 Lakhs in 30 Days

Mobile Phones Handed Over to Respective Owners



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Under the supervision of DCP Crimes L.C. Naik, Cyberabad Police have successfully completed the 7th phase of their mobile phone recovery drive, tracing and recovering 310 stolen and lost mobile phones worth ₹95 Lakhs in just 30 days. The phones were returned to their rightful owners during a ceremony at the Cyberabad Commissioner Office on May 12, 2025. The recovery process was car-

ried out by the Cyberabad Police's CCS, IT Cell, and Social Media teams, utilizing the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) portal. The DCP emphasized the importance of promptly reporting lost or stolen mobile phones either at the nearest police station or via the CEIR portal, which is accessible nationwide. He noted that mobile phones often contain sensitive data, and their timely recovery can prevent misuse.

DCP L.C. Nayak Addressing Press stated that

DCP Nayak urged the public to register such incidents on the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) portal without delay. Since its launch in 2023, the CEIR portal has facilitated the recovery of over 5400 phones in the Cyberabad region alone. He also recommended that victims block the phone's IMEI number at the local police station immediately after the loss to prevent misuse. DCP Naik also urged the public to remain vigilant against cyber frauds, advising against clicking on suspicious or unknown



links. He recommended the installation of CCTV cameras in residential and community spaces to enhance security. The recovery was broken down by zones, with CCS Madhapur recovering 80 phones, CCS Balanagar 65, CCS Medchal 55, CCS Rajendranagar 55, and CCS Shamshabad 55. Many recipients expressed their gratitude for the swift action of the police. One delivery worker shared how his phone, lost two months ago, was returned to him within a short span after filing a complaint. Another woman expressed her surprise and relief at receiving her stolen phone for the second time, commending the police for their diligence. DCP Naik also praised the efforts of key officers and staff, including CCS ACP K. Shashank Reddy, IT Cell Inspector Anjaneyulu, and various other police officers for their exceptional teamwork in recovering the stolen phones.

Massive Jaggery Haul Intercepted

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In another major bust, the STF B team received credible information that black jaggery was being illegally transported from Hyderabad to Endabetla village in Nagar Kurnool. Acting on this, SI Balaraju and his team conducted checks and intercepted a Homini van. Upon examination, the team found 432 kg of jaggery and 10 kg of alum concealed inside the vehicle. The driver, identified as Shivakumar, was arrested. The jaggery operation team included SS Balaraju, Sai Kiran, Kaushik, Nithin, Haneep, Shankar, Santosh, and Sai Krishna. Further investigation is underway to trace the sources and destinations of these illegal consignments.



12.230 Kg Ganja, 432 Kg Jaggery Seized in Separate Raids by Excise & STF Teams



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In a series of coordinated operations, the Special Task Force (STF) and District Task Force (DTF) teams seized 12.230 kg of ganja and 432 kg of black jaggery in separate cases, arresting three individuals and confiscating two vehicles. In the first operation, DTF CI Bharat Bhushan's team, under the jurisdiction of Malkajgiri Excise Superintendent, conducted raids in Cherlapalli and Rampalli

areas. The team seized a total of 10 kg of ganja—4 kg from a person identified as Hari Kushwaha from Madhya Pradesh and 6 kg from Bhainath Biswal from Odisha. The accused and the contraband were handed over to the Ghatkesar Excise Station. The operation was led by CI Bharat Bhushan and SI Srinivas. In a second case, based on specific intelligence, STFB SI Balaraju and his team intercepted a DCM van coming from Nanded on the outskirts of Hyderabad. During the inspection, 2.230 kg of ganja was found hidden in the vehicle. The driver, Paisal, was arrested on the spot, and the DCM van was seized. The value of the seized ganja in both cases is estimated to be around ₹6.50 lakhs. Excise Enforcement Director Shahnawaz Qasim, Malkajgiri Excise Superintendent, STF B Team Leaders Naveen and Pradeep Rao appreciated the swift action and congratulated the STF and DTF teams.

Software Engineer Ends Life by Jumping from 32nd Floor

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A heart-wrenching incident took place in Kokapet, Hyderabad, where a 32-year-old software engineer reportedly died by suicide after jumping from the 32nd floor of a high-rise apartment. The incident occurred on Saturday morning in Tower 1 of MyHome Tarshkaya Apartments, under the jurisdiction of Narsinghi Police Station.



According to Narsinghi Inspector Harikrishna Reddy, the deceased has been identified as Aman Jain, a native of Delhi. He was residing in Hyderabad along with his wife, who also works in the software sector. Reports indicate that Aman Jain had been battling severe mental depression for some time and was under medical treatment. On the morning of the incident, while his family was at home, Aman went to the top floor of the tower and took the drastic step. He sustained fatal injuries from the fall and died instantly. The news has left his family and

local residents in deep shock and sorrow. Upon receiving the information, Narsinghi police rushed to the spot and launched an investigation. Inspector Harikrishna Reddy stated that a case has been registered based on a complaint by the family. The police are probing the exact reasons behind the suicide and looking into his mental health history as part of the inquiry. The body was shifted to the hospital for postmortem examination, and further details are expected to emerge as the investigation progresses.

Ganja Gang Clash Turns Fatal in KPHB

Youth stabbed to death for stopping drug-fueled fight

Main accused Pawan absconding; four others taken into custody

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A violent altercation under the influence of ganja ended in tragedy in the KPHB police station limits late last night. A group of five individuals reportedly got into a fight while consuming ganja in a park near an apartment in Sardar Patel Nagar. The situation turned fatal when a young man named Venkataramana tried to stop the fight. According to police reports, Venkataramana, along with the apartment watchman and his friends, intervened in the scuffle to restore order. Enraged by their interference, one of the individuals involved in the fight — identified as Pawan — attacked Venkataramana with an iron rod, stabbing him di-

rectly in the heart. Venkataramana died on the spot due to the severity of the injury. His brother filed a complaint at the KPHB police station, prompting immediate action. Police have already taken four individuals into custody, but the main accused, Pawan, is currently absconding. Efforts are underway to locate and apprehend him. The police have registered a case and launched a detailed investigation. Venkataramana's body was shifted to Gandhi Hospital for post-mortem examination. The shocking incident has triggered fear and anger among local residents, who are calling for stricter action against drug use and anti-social behavior in residential areas.

Huge Cannabis Seizure in Uppal Value Rs. 53 Lakhs, Three Arrested

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In a major crackdown against drug trafficking, the Excise Department seized 106 kg of cannabis in the HCL area of Malapur, Uppal, valued at an estimated Rs. 53 lakhs. The seizure comes after a joint raid by the DTF and Uppal Excise police, based on confidential information. The raid, led by Additional Excise Commissioner Syed Yasin Qureshi and Rangareddy Deputy Commissioner P. Dasharath, saw the arrest of three individuals. Two men, who were suspiciously loitering near the godown, were detained and questioned. It was revealed that they had transported the cannabis from Odisha in a car. Officials discovered 56 packets of 2 kg each and 6 packets of 1 kg each of cannabis stored in the godown. In this case, the arrested individuals have been identified as A1 Rambabu from Malkaniri district, Odisha, A2 Katla Vivek Reddy from Ghatkesar, Medchal district, and A3 Daggumalli Madhu Kiran from Medipalli, Medchal district. Officials emphasized that the Excise Department is taking strict measures to combat drug trafficking, with continuous raids planned to dismantle illegal drug networks in the state.



Sub Registrar Offices Closer to Public: Minister Ponguleti

Slot booking now active in 47 sub-registrar offices across Telangana

Queues, delays, and middlemen will soon be a thing of the past



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Telangana Revenue, Housing, Information and Civil Relations Minister Sri Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy announced on Monday that the government is committed to bringing Sub Registrar Offices closer to the people, ensuring timely and transparent

services. He said the slot booking system, introduced to eliminate delays and middlemen interference, has now been extended to 25 more sub-registrar offices as part of the second phase. Speaking at Gandhi Bhavan, the minister stated that with this latest implementation, a total of 47 offices across the state are now offering the online slot booking facility, and the system will soon cover all sub-registrar offices by next month. He emphasized that the aim is to provide satisfactory and corruption-free services that save time and reduce public inconvenience. “The days of standing in long queues under trees are over,” he remarked. “With this slot booking system, people can complete their property registrations within 15 minutes, without the need for brokers or unnecessary waiting.” The online module is available through the official Registration Department website — registration.telangana.gov.in. Citizens can now book a slot for any convenient day and time, making the process easier and more efficient.

Public Reactions and Experiences

Many citizens have welcomed the move, sharing positive feedback on their recent experience

Santosh Kumar Reddy from Boduppall said his registration at Uppal Sub Registrar Office was done in just 10 minutes. “We finished everything, including document collection, in half an hour. It was smooth and hassle-free.” A. Srilatha from Vaddepally praised the Capra SRO office, stating that what used to take two to three days now finishes in just 30 minutes. “Calm atmosphere, quick service—this system should definitely continue.” Sarala N. Sarala from



Hanumakonda said that both registration and mutation were completed on the same day. “Earlier it used to take days and separate processes. This one-time system is very convenient.” A. Bharatamma from Kalvakurthi appreciated the cooperation from officials, saying, “There was no pressure from document writers like before, and everything was done quickly and transparently.” Minister Ponguleti concluded by affirming that additional registrars will be appointed wherever needed to handle the increasing volume of registrations and ensure public convenience.

New 300-Bed Government Hospital in Vikarabad

Trauma care centers to be established every 37 km to handle emergencies



TPN Correspondent | Vikarabad
State Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha, alongside Legislative Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, Government Chief Whip Mahender Reddy, MP Konda Vishweshwar Reddy, and local MLAs, inaugurated a new 300-bed Government General Hospital in Vikarabad on Monday. The hospital, built with

a fund of Rs. 32 crore, is aimed at improving medical accessibility for the people, especially those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. The inauguration event saw doctors and healthcare professionals examining the hospital's facilities, while nurses and head nurses discussed the infrastructure needs for effective healthcare delivery. Speaking at the event, Minister Rajanarsimha emphasized the government's commitment to expanding healthcare services across the state, ensuring they are accessible and offer self-confidence to every individual, especially the poor. In his address, Rajanarsimha out-

lined the government's plans to set up trauma care centers every 37 kilometers, which will be equipped with state-of-the-art facilities to provide emergency services for road accidents and other medical emergencies. The minister also highlighted the recent launch of 213 new ambulances by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, with plans for more to be added to improve emergency healthcare coverage. District officials, including District Collector Prateek Jain, District SP Narayana Reddy, and other local leaders, also participated in the event, showing their support for the development of better healthcare infrastructure in the region.

Kavitha Opposes Open Cast Mines Near Ramappa Temple

TPN Correspondent | Mulugu

BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha has come out strongly against the Congress-led Telangana government's move to allow open cast mining near the Ramappa Temple, a UNESCO-recognized world heritage site. Speaking after visiting the Ramalingeswara Swamy temple in Ramappa on Monday, she cautioned that mining activity within 5 km of the temple could severely damage the historic structure.

Kavitha reminded that in 2012, similar mining plans were thwarted by BRS chief KCR during the Telangana movement, and such proposals were resisted even after state formation. “Today, under the Congress regime, these dangerous plans are being revived,” she alleged. She also expressed concern over the lack of seriousness shown by the current administration towards the temple's protection, saying, “This alone shows how sincere the Revanth Reddy government is about preserving our heritage.” Accusing Minister Seethakka of negligence, Kavitha said, “While farmers are dying due to untimely rains and people suffer from lack of basic government support, the minister is more focused on beauty pageants.” She questioned Seethakka's silence even as her constituency, Mulugu, faces hardships and alleged that not a single new pension or welfare scheme has been implemented under the current government. “The

Mahalaxmi scheme hasn't reached all, pensions remain stagnant, and there's zero new development,” she claimed. Kavitha also criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, saying, “At a time when tensions are flaring on the country's borders, our CM is busy attending beauty contests.”

Support for Nancharamma Temple Construction

In another program, MLC Kavitha announced her contribution towards the



construction of the ancient Nancharamma temple in Ramanujapuram, Venkatapur mandal. She participated in the annual Nancharamma Jatara and had a meal with members of the Erukala community. “This temple has historical significance dating back 800 years,” she noted, urging Minister Seethakka to take the lead in developing the temple and the annual fair. Kavitha also highlighted the efforts of the previous BRS government in empowering the Erukala community through entrepreneurship schemes introduced by KCR. She was joined by leaders of the Telangana Adivasi Erukala Sangam and BRS district cadre during the event.

All Set for CM's Visit to Launch Indira Souragiri Scheme in Macharam

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Preparations are in full swing in Nagarkurnool district to ensure the successful visit of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on May 18, when he will formally launch the Indira Souragiri Water Development Scheme at Macharam village in Amrabad mandal of Achampet constituency. A review meeting on Monday, led by District Collector Badawat Santosh, brought together key officials to co-ordinate final arrangements for the event. The meeting included District Forest Officer Rohit Gopidi, Additional Collector Deva Saawan, and Achampet MLA Rikudu Vamsi Krishna, who reviewed the progress of works across departments. Collector Santosh highlighted the significance of the scheme for the upliftment of tribal



and Chenchu communities living in the region. He informed that in the ROFR patta lands cultivated by Chenchu farmers in Macharam village, 50 acres belonging to 13 farmers have been surveyed, and borewells have been dug with confirmed water availability. REDCO officials are rapidly progressing with the setup of solar power connections for these borewells. Additionally, the horticulture department is preparing the land

for planting fruit-bearing trees by digging pits and marking plantation areas. For the Chief Minister's visit, R&B officials are setting up the helipad and CM's meeting stage. Other departments including the Power Department, Panchayati Raj, Mission Bhagiratha, and Revenue are working in tandem to complete their assigned tasks. Collector Santosh called for complete inter-departmental coordination to ensure the Chief Minister's visit and the launch event proceed smoothly and successfully. Officials from DRDO, DTDO, Groundwater Department, DPO, Horticulture, RWS, and the Forest Department were present in the meeting, reaffirming their commitment to the mission.

Public Alert Issued on Spurious Drugs DCA Telangana Conducts Raids



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In a proactive step to combat the circulation of spurious and counterfeit drugs in the market, the Drugs Control Administration (DCA) of Telangana has issued a public advisory urging citizens to verify Bar Code or QR Code details before purchasing certain medicines. The advisory specifically applies to Schedule H2 formulation brands—300 of which have been listed in the official annexure. Consumers are strongly encouraged to scan and verify QR Codes present on the labels of these medi-



cines to ensure authenticity before purchasing them from medical stores or

pharmacies. This initiative comes in light of intensified enforcement efforts by the DCA, which recently conducted a series of raids across Telangana to crack down on the distribution of spurious drugs. Officials said the move is aimed at safeguarding public health and reinforcing quality assurance across the pharmaceutical supply chain. According to the advisory, “QR Codes indicating the batch details are mandatorily required only for the 300 formulation brands listed in the annexure,

provided they are manufactured on or after 1st August, 2023.” The DCA has appealed to the public to remain vigilant and report any unverified or suspicious drug products that lack QR Code labelling or show inconsistencies in label information. Reports can be submitted directly to the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana. The state health authorities reaffirmed their commitment to taking strict action against violators and ensuring that only genuine and safe medicines reach consumers.

Trump Returns to West Asia, but Spectacle Alone Won't Deliver Results



Donald Trump's return to West Asia as President comes with familiar theatrics—sword dances, ceremonial pageantry, and bold declarations. Yet, beneath the glitter, the region he once confidently navigated in 2017 has evolved. As Trump begins his second official trip to the Gulf with stops in Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Qatar (May 13–16), the stakes are higher and his influence more uncertain.

In 2017, Trump's embrace of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MBS) and a headline-grabbing \$110 billion arms deal signaled a sharp pivot from Obama-era diplomacy. It was a transactional relationship dressed in opulence. But in 2025, West Asia looks less receptive to the old Trump showmanship. His credibility is under question, with a faltering Ukraine peace promise and economic policies

that have wavered between bravado and retreat.

Despite finally achieving a breakthrough with China—agreeing to ease tariffs in a 90-day trade truce—the contrast with Trump's limited progress in West Asia is stark. Conflicts in Gaza rage on, Houthis remain defiant, and US influence is visibly waning. Gulf states, once dependent on Washington, are hedging bets—deepening ties with China, engaging BRICS, and seeking military alternatives to costly American systems like the F-35.

Trump's stance on Gaza—reportedly backing the relocation of over two million Palestinians—has angered Arab nations. Both Saudi Arabia and Qatar insist that normalization with Israel must involve serious moves toward Palestinian state-

hood. Meanwhile, the Houthis' near-miss missile strike on Tel Aviv underscores how fragile the regional order remains.

Despite White House efforts to frame this trip as a chance to revive the “golden age” of US-Gulf relations, many in the region now see Trump as needing them more than they need him. Promises of massive Gulf investments—\$600 billion from Saudi Arabia, \$1.4 trillion from the UAE—may be politically convenient, but they won't substitute for strategic clarity. To regain influence, Trump must move beyond performance. If he delivers real progress—on Gaza, Iran, or the Abraham Accords expansion—he could still shape history. But this time, optics alone won't be enough. The region demands consistency, substance, and a leader who offers more than just spectacle.



India-Pakistan Conflict: A New Era of 'DIY' Wars

The recent India-Pakistan showdown has revealed a new reality in international conflicts—one where nations must take matters into their own hands, as external mediation becomes increasingly irrelevant. Traditionally, the US played a key role in managing India-Pakistan tensions, but recent developments signal a shift. Vice-President JD Vance's statement, claiming the US has “no business” in the India-Pakistan conflict, marks a stark departure from previous administrations' active involvement in the region. This attitude aligns with a broader trend where the US is increasingly disengaging from global conflicts, as seen in its reluctance to mediate in Ukraine.

The US has walked a fine line between support for India and statements condemning violence after Indian strikes on Pakistan. Initially, the US condemned the Pahalgam terrorist attack, but as the situation escalated, its tone shifted, focusing on civilian casualties without acknowledging Pakistan's role in terrorism. This ambiguity highlights the growing trend of the US distancing itself from active involvement in South Asian disputes, leaving India to handle the situation

on its own. Furthermore, new players have entered the fray, changing the dynamics of the conflict. Countries like Azerbaijan and Turkey are providing Pakistan with advanced defense technology, such as drones and missiles, complicating the already tense situation. The involvement of China, which has long supported Pakistan's military, adds another layer of complexity, especially given its strategic partnership in missile and nuclear capabilities. While Russia has tried to play a balancing role, its influence has waned significantly.

In this new environment, India is forced to adopt a 'Do It Yourself' (DIY) approach, navigating a complex web of international alliances and adversaries. As traditional allies shift their positions, India must rethink its defense strategy, focusing on strengthening its air capabilities and fostering new relationships with countries like Israel and Armenia. The evolving geopolitical landscape demands a fresh approach to ensure India's security and sovereignty in an increasingly fragmented world. The reality is clear: India is largely on its own, with few international players willing to step in.



Caste Data: A Catalyst for Identity Politics?

The recent release of Karnataka's Socio-Economic Educational Survey (SEES) 2015, commonly referred to as the Caste Census 2015, has sparked significant debate, especially given its release almost a decade after the survey was conducted. The findings, which call for a reshuffling of reservation categories, have raised concerns among dominant caste groups and have led to questions about the legitimacy and implications of caste-centric data collection.

While caste and religion-based demographic surveys have been conducted in various states such as Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Bihar, they do not have the constitutional backing of a national census, and therefore, their data cannot be used for resource allocation. Without the confidentiality guarantees of the Census Act, the accuracy and integrity of responses in such surveys could be compromised. Critics, including Prof. Amitabh Kundu, argue that these surveys are largely

futile as they cannot be legally used for policy-making, and their lack of data confidentiality could fuel bias and divisive policies.

The primary objective of such caste-based surveys is to identify disadvantaged groups and implement affirmative action. However, the public dissemination of caste data is a double-edged sword. While it can inform policy, it also risks deepening caste-based identities, further entrenching identity politics. Instead of moving toward a caste-less society, such surveys risk reinforcing caste consciousness, as seen in the growing demands for quota redistributions that have led to resentment among caste subgroups. In Bihar, for instance, the caste survey led to a bill in 2023 that proposed a significant increase in reservation quotas, further dividing social groups along caste lines.

The data could also be misused for electoral gains. Political parties could manipulate or selective-

ly present data to create narratives that favor certain social groups, undermining the meritocratic system and potentially compromising institutional integrity.

Moreover, caste data not only perpetuates divisions within Hindu society but also reveals similar caste structures among Indian Muslims. The Telangana survey, for instance, uncovered that a large proportion of the Muslim population in the state identifies as belonging to backward castes, suggesting that caste-based discrimination is not exclusive to Hindus.

In conclusion, while caste surveys may provide useful insights for affirmative action, their potential to fuel divisive politics and deepen caste and religious divides cannot be overlooked. The challenge lies in balancing data collection with the risks of perpetuating identity politics and ensuring that such information is used responsibly for the benefit of all.

Make in India: A Startup Graveyard in Need of Reform



India, with its vast population and entrepreneurial potential, should be a thriving hub for startups. Yet, despite the promise, the nation's regulatory and policy environment has made it a hostile ground for innovation. The over-complicated documentation, ever-changing rules, and financial barriers create significant obstacles for new businesses to thrive.

Starting a business in India involves navigating through numerous complex steps, from GST registration to environmental clearances and municipal permissions. What should be a straightforward, digital process often becomes a lengthy ordeal, draining both time and capital. This bureaucratic maze discourages entrepreneurs before they even get started.

Another major hurdle is access to capital. India's banks rely on outdated credit systems that penalize young, inexperienced entrepreneurs without borrowing histories. Traditional financial institutions, as well as venture capital, often overlook promising startups, especially those outside major urban areas or without strong professional networks. As a result, many promising ideas die before they get a chance to grow.

Launched in 2014 with high hopes, Make in India was meant to transform the country into a global manufacturing powerhouse. However, it failed to deliver on its ambitious promises due to splintered governance, policy inconsistency, and lack of infrastructure. Instead of being a success story, it became an example of grand rhetoric with disappointing results.

The consequences are stark. Over the past two years, more than 28,000 startups have shut down, a twelvefold increase compared to the previous years. While sectors like agritech, fintech, and edtech were once seen as revolutionary, they are now littered with failed ventures. India's meager spending on R&D—0.64% of GDP compared to the global average of 2.6%—limits the potential for breakthroughs in advanced technology fields.

To foster a truly thriving startup ecosystem, India must simplify compliance, eliminate regulatory bottlenecks, and provide transparent access to credit. Cultural shifts are also crucial—failure should be seen as a learning opportunity, not a stigma. Only then can India truly realize its entrepreneurial potential.

US and China Agree to Slash Tariffs in Bid to End Trade War

Reach deal to slash tariffs by 115%

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In a significant breakthrough aimed at easing global economic tensions, the United States and China announced on Monday that they have reached a deal to sharply reduce reciprocal tariffs, marking a crucial step toward resolving a prolonged trade war. The announcement followed high-level discussions held in Geneva, where US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and senior Chinese officials negotiated the agreement.

The deal includes a 90-day pause on the imposition of new trade measures by both countries and a substantial reduction in existing tariffs—by as much as 115 percent. While the figure may reflect a rollback or compounded percentage on various tariff lines, officials emphasized that this move signals a turning point in US-China economic relations.

The trade war, which has persisted for several years, has disrupted global supply chains, dampened investor sentiment, and rattled financial markets. The latest agreement is expected to restore some stability and confidence, particularly among businesses and industries heavily impacted by the imposed tariffs.

Bessent, addressing reporters after the meeting, highlighted the significance of the agreement: “This is a meaningful step forward for both our nations



and for global markets. A pause in escalating tensions and a commitment to reducing trade barriers sends a strong message of cooperation.”

The Chinese delegation echoed similar optimism, suggesting that the agreement lays the groundwork for more comprehensive negotiations in the months to come. They reiterated China’s interest in maintaining open trade channels and reducing economic uncertainty.

Market reactions were immediately positive following the announcement, with global stock indices climbing and investor confidence rebounding. Analysts noted that a rollback in tar-

iffs could spur renewed growth in export-driven sectors and reduce costs for consumers in both nations.

Although challenges remain and a full resolution of the trade conflict is still pending, the current agreement is widely seen as a welcome shift from confrontation to cooperation. Economists and trade experts are now watching closely to see how the 90-day pause evolves into longer-term policy changes.

This development marks a major diplomatic win for both governments, providing much-needed relief amid broader geopolitical tensions and ongoing economic uncertainty.

Qatar’s \$400 Million ‘Flying Palace’ to Temporarily Serve as Trump’s Air Force One

Former US President Donald Trump is set to receive one of the most luxurious private jets in the world—a \$400 million Boeing 747-8, known as the “Flying Palace”—to serve as a temporary replacement for Air Force One. Originally used by the Qatari royal family and briefly by the Turkish government, the lavish aircraft is now being acquired by the US government to bridge the gap caused by delays in the production of new Air Force One planes.

The opulent jet, referred to as a “flying palace,” features extravagant interiors that include designer bathrooms, spacious private bedrooms, and even a grand staircase—amenities rarely seen on presidential aircraft. Trump reportedly toured the plane earlier this year at West Palm Beach International Airport.

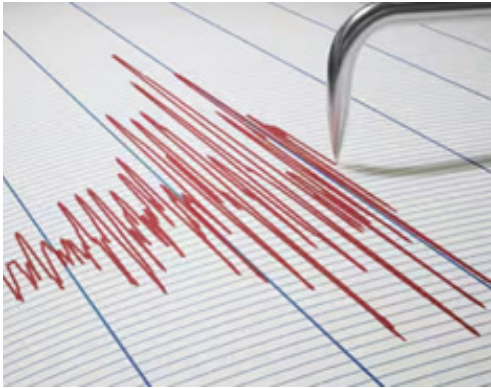
This acquisition comes amid significant production delays on two new Boeing 747-8 jets ordered during Trump’s first term in 2018. The new aircraft, originally scheduled for delivery in 2024, are now expected to be

completed no earlier than 2029.

Although earlier reports suggested that the jet was being gifted by Qatar during Trump’s upcoming visit to the Middle East, Trump clarified via Truth Social that the US had indeed paid for the aircraft. “So the fact that the Defense Department is getting a GIFT, FREE OF CHARGE, of a 747 aircraft to replace the 40-year-old Air Force One, temporarily... bothers the Crooked Democrats,” he posted, mocking critics of the deal.

According to ABC News, the Boeing 747-8 will serve as the official aircraft for Trump during his current term and will eventually be handed over to the institution that will run his future presidential library.

With unmatched luxury and a storied history, the Flying Palace adds a new chapter to the tradition of presidential travel while offering a temporary but extravagant solution amid ongoing delays in the development of a new official aircraft fleet.



Series of Earthquakes Jolt Pakistan, Including 4.6 Magnitude Tremor

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Pakistan experienced another earthquake on Monday as a 4.6-magnitude tremor struck the region, continuing a series of seismic activities over recent days. According to the National Center for Seismology (NCS), the earthquake’s epicentre was located at a latitude of 29.67°N and a longitude of 66.10°E, with a shallow depth of just 10 kilometers, making it widely felt in nearby areas. This latest quake comes on the heels of two back-to-back earthquakes that hit the country on Saturday. The first struck in the early hours of the morning, at around 1:44 am IST, with a magnitude of 4.0. Just hours later, a stronger quake measuring 5.7 on the Richter scale rattled parts of the country, causing concern among residents and prompting local authorities to monitor the situation closely.

The region has remained seismically active over the past week. On May 5, a 4.2-magnitude earthquake hit parts of both Pakistan and neighboring Afghanistan at 4:00 pm IST, with tremors centered near the Chitral District in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, a region close to the Afghanistan border. Earlier that same day, another quake of similar magnitude (4.2) was recorded in Afghanistan at 12:35 pm IST. These repeated seismic events have heightened public anxiety, especially in areas where infrastructure is not equipped to handle frequent tremors. While no casualties or major damages have been reported so far, residents in affected areas remain on alert.

UK PM Starmer Vows to Cut Migration, Draws Fire for ‘Island of Strangers’ Remark

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In a landmark announcement set to reshape the United Kingdom’s immigration landscape, Prime Minister Keir Starmer has pledged a major reduction in net migration by the end of the current parliamentary term. The move, part of a broader strategy to stimulate economic growth and reform public sentiment, marks a decisive shift in immigration policy under his leadership.

Addressing a press conference, Starmer challenged the long-standing belief that higher migration drives economic growth. “The theory that higher migration numbers lead to growth has been tested in the last four years. That link doesn’t hold on that evidence,” he asserted. This statement underpins a broader effort to link immigration reforms with increased investment in domestic skills and training—areas Starmer argues have long been neglected.



Among the most impactful changes is a proposal to double the residency requirement for citizenship, making it significantly harder and more time-consuming for immigrants to attain British citizenship. While he avoided confirming whether net migration would decrease year-on-year until the next election, he promised a clear drop before the end of the parliamentary term.

Despite these restrictive moves, Starmer stopped short of imposing a hard cap on migrant numbers. His intent, he said, is not to shut Britain off but to ensure it does not become “an island of strangers”—a comment that has drawn intense backlash.

The phrase, seen by critics as echoing anti-immigrant rhetoric, triggered swift condemnation from refugee charities. Steve Smith, CEO of Care4Calais, accused the prime minister of “fanning the fire of the far-right” and using “dangerous language” reminiscent of last year’s far-right riots. He demanded a public apology, warning that such remarks risk inciting racial tensions and undermining the safety of vulnerable asylum seekers.

Starmer also took aim at the previous Conservative government, accusing them of hypocrisy. “Between 2019 and 2023, even as they claimed they’d get immigration down, net migration quadrupled,” he said, aligning his strategy with the unresolved Brexit promise to “take back control” of the UK’s borders. As the UK attempts to balance political pressure, economic needs, and public sentiment, Starmer’s approach signals a turning point—one that may significantly reshape the nation’s identity and global role.

Israel not committed to ceasefire, only to safe release of hostage Alexander: Netanyahu

TPN Correspondent | Israel

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has dismissed claims of a broader ceasefire or prisoner exchange agreement with Hamas, asserting that Israel has only agreed to a limited arrangement to secure the release of Israeli-American hostage Edan Alexander. In a statement posted on the official X (formerly Twitter) account of the Prime Minister’s Office on Monday, Netanyahu clarified that “Israel has not committed to a ceasefire of any kind or the release of terrorists but only to a safe corridor that will allow for the release of Edan.”

This statement comes in response to remarks made by a senior Hamas official, who told Reuters on Sunday that the group was preparing to release Alexander soon. The comments were widely interpreted as a signal of a potential thaw or temporary halt in hostilities. The news was met with cautious optimism by key mediators in the region, including Qatar and Egypt, both of which have played significant roles in attempting to broker peace and humanitarian agreements between Israel and Hamas since the conflict reignited.

Netanyahu’s firm denial aims to dispel any speculation that the Israeli government had agreed to broader concessions, such as releasing Palestinian detainees or halting military operations in Gaza. The Israeli leadership has maintained a strict stance on not negotiating under pressure and has repeatedly stated that its military objectives remain unchanged.

Edan Alexander, a dual citizen of Israel and the United States, has been held hostage in Gaza since being captured by Hamas during the October 7 cross-border assault. His potential release is seen as a positive humanitarian gesture but not necessarily a turning point in the wider conflict.

While the safe passage agreement for Alexander’s release is being facilitated with the help of international partners, Israeli officials have reiterated that it should not be interpreted as the beginning of a ceasefire or a step toward a broader peace framework. The situation remains tense, with military activity ongoing and diplomatic efforts continuing behind the scenes.

International observers are closely watching how this development unfolds, particularly whether it could open the door for future negotiations on humanitarian corridors, additional hostage releases, or eventual de-escalation. For now, however, Israel remains adamant that its military operations and policy on hostages remain firmly under its own control.



Markets Soar to Record Highs as Ceasefire, Global Cues Ignite Bull Rally; Nifty Gains 916 pts, Sensex 2975 pts

Domestic stock markets gained in an unprecedented manner on Monday. As the bulls were in a frenzy, the benchmark indices broke records. They registered the best profit in four years. The ceasefire between India and Pakistan, India's upper hand in military operations, and the cooling of the tariff war between China and the US filled investors with positive sentiment. On the other hand, positive signals from international markets were good. With this blow, the Nifty crossed the 24,590 and the Sensex crossed the 81150 resistance levels. In total, the Nifty gained 916 points and the Sensex gained 2975 points.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 79,454 in the previous session, opened at 80,803 on Monday. It touched an intraday low of 80,651. It reached an intraday high of 82,495. Finally, it closed at 82,429 with a gain of 2975 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 24,420, reached a low of 24,378 and a high of 24,944. It rose by 916 points in total and closed at 24,942. The Nifty Bank rose by 1787 points and settled at 55,382.

In the Nifty50, 48 companies gained and 2 lost. Adani Enterprises, Infi, Shriram Finance, Trent, Wipro were the top gainers. IndusInd Bank and Sun Pharma lost the most. Today, the mid and smallcap indices rose by up to 4%. The IT and telecom indices rose by 6.5, realty and metal by over 5.5 percent. Finance, auto, bank,



media, consumption and oil indices rose by 3 percent. The rest did not look good. Fear Index India VIX fell by 14.97% to 18.39.

Market breadth on NSE today completely turned in favor of buyers. Out of a total of 3010 shares traded, 2614 gained. 329 lost. 47 shares reached the 52-week high and 24 shares reached the 52-week low. 322 shares reached the upper circuit and 35 shares reached the lower circuit.

SRF Company has released its fourth quarter results. Net profit increased by 24.6% from Rs.422 crore to Rs.526 crore. JP Morgan has given an overweight rating to Swiggy with a target price of Rs.540. Andhra Cement's losses increased from Rs.19 crore to Rs.50 crore. KEC International received orders of Rs.1034 crore from various trading houses. Man Industries' net profit rose from Rs.24 crore to Rs.68 crore. JPMorgan has given an underweight rating to Dr. Reddy's with a target price of Rs.1060. CLSA has giv-

en an outperform rating to Manapuram Finance with a target price of Rs.260. Shares in other capital markets including BSE and MCX rose by 10%. UPL's net profit rose from Rs.40 crore to Rs.896 crore.

Infosys

Infosys reported strong Q1 FY25 results. Its revenue rose to \$4.71 billion, showing a 2.1% year-on-year (YoY) growth. Net profit came in at \$763 million, up 5.4% YoY. The company maintained an operating margin of 21.1%, slightly better than the previous year. A standout was the 56.5% YoY growth in free cash flow to \$1.09 billion, reflecting efficient cash management. The company also raised its FY25 revenue growth guidance to 3-4%, riding on increasing demand for AI and digital transformation services.



Tata Steel

Tata Steel's Q4 FY25 results showed a sharp improvement in profitability despite a slight dip in revenue. The company's net profit more than doubled to ₹1,301 crore, significantly beating estimates. Revenue, however, slipped 4.2% YoY to ₹56,218 crore, mainly due to weaker demand and lower product prices. The profit jump was largely due to lower input costs, especially for coking coal and iron ore. The results indicate Tata Steel's ability to maintain margins under pressure, thanks to tight cost controls.

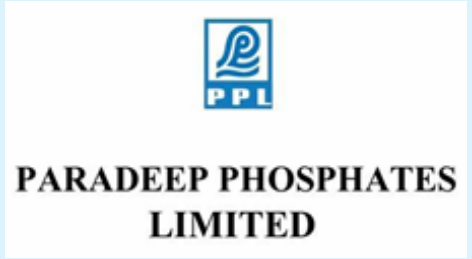


HCL Technologies



HCL Technologies reported a marginal increase in net profit to ₹3,995 crore for Q1 FY25, up 0.35% YoY, on a revenue base of ₹26,296 crore (up 17%). The EBIT margin stood at 18.3%, and EPS rose 10.8% to ₹64.09. HCL continues to be strong in the software and IT services space. It declared a ₹60 dividend per share, reflecting a 93.5% payout ratio. Despite the competitive environment, HCL's consistent earnings and dividend payout support its long-term investment appeal.

Paradeep Phosphates



Paradeep Phosphates delivered a standout Q4 FY25 performance with net profit rising to ₹160 crore, up from ₹21.5 crore YoY, showing a solid turnaround. Revenue grew to ₹3,536 crore, driven by operational efficiency and strong sales. The net profit margin improved to 4.5%, a significant jump reflecting better pricing and cost management. The performance indicates stability in the fertilizer and agri-chemical segment after a challenging FY24.

Coforge



Coforge posted mixed results for Q1 FY25. Revenue increased 8.1% YoY to ₹2,426 crore, driven by strong client activity. However, net profit fell 19.4% YoY to ₹133 crore, impacted by higher costs and employee additions. The company saw robust order intake of \$314 million, maintaining its streak of \$300M+ deals for 10 straight quarters. Headcount increased by nearly 1,900 employees, indicating expansion plans. While topline growth is intact, margin pressures remain a concern in the short term.

SEBI to Ease Curbs on Index Options Trading and Introduce Stricter Monitoring Measures



India's capital markets regulator, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), is set to relax its proposed restrictions on trading in index options. According to a report by NDTV Profit, SEBI is likely to introduce higher net and gross position limits, offering more flexibility for traders while maintaining market stability.

Under the new guidelines, SEBI is expected to allow a net end-of-day limit of Rs 1,500 crore and a gross limit of Rs 10,000 crore (per side) for index options. This is a significant increase from the initial proposal, which set the net end-of-day limit at Rs 500 crore and the gross limit at Rs 1,500 crore.

Intra-day trading in index options will be exempt from any position caps. However, SEBI plans to implement a more robust surveillance protocol, with exchanges and SEBI coordinating to monitor intra-day positions up to four times a day. If a trader's exposure exceeds specific thresholds, the regulator will conduct investigations to detect

possible concentration or market manipulation.

Additionally, SEBI is shifting from the traditional notional method to a delta-based open interest metric. This new approach will better reflect the actual economic exposure of options trades, offering a more accurate picture of market risks.

Last week, SEBI also introduced stricter governance rules for key market infrastructure institutions (MIIs), such as stock exchanges, clearing corporations, and depositories. The move aims to prevent conflicts of interest and strengthen market integrity. As part of these changes, SEBI now mandates a cooling-off period for certain directors before they can join competing institutions, ensuring that directors do not leverage sensitive information for competitive advantage.

These steps reflect SEBI's ongoing efforts to enhance transparency, safeguard market integrity, and manage risks in India's dynamic financial markets.

Sensex Soars Over 3,000 Points in Best Rally of the Year

In a remarkable turn of events, Indian stock markets witnessed their strongest rally in a year, as the benchmark BSE Sensex surged over 3,000 points on Monday. The broader NSE Nifty50 also gained nearly 924 points, soaring above the 24,900 mark. This sharp upswing added over Rs 12 lakh crore to investor wealth in a single session, driven by easing geopolitical tensions, favorable global cues, and a sovereign credit upgrade.

As of 3:24 pm, the Sensex was up 2,994.42 points at 82,448.89, and the Nifty was at 24,930.30, reflecting a nearly 4% jump in both indices. The rally was broad-based, with major contributions from heavyweight stocks like Infosys, Reliance Industries, HDFC Bank, Adani Ports, Axis Bank, and Bajaj Finance. Zomato, listed as Eternal on the Sensex, emerged as



the top gainer with a nearly 5% jump, followed by strong performances from NTPC and HCLTech.

Investor sentiment saw a strong rebound after India and Pakistan reached a temporary ceasefire agreement over the weekend. This geopolitical thaw helped calm nerves that had been frayed due to recent cross-border escalations. With immediate threats easing, inves-

tors quickly refocused on economic fundamentals and corporate performance.

Global market sentiment also turned positive, aided by recent tariff reductions announced by both the US and China. Additionally, domestic indicators such as resilient GDP growth and stable inflation further bolstered market confidence.

A significant boost came from Morningstar DBRS's upgrade of India's sovereign rating to 'BBB (Stable)', restoring faith among institutional and foreign investors alike.

Market experts, however, advise cautious optimism. While the rally may sustain in the short term, they recommend that retail investors avoid getting carried away by the euphoric mood. Key global triggers like upcoming US inflation data and international trade policy shifts could still impact market direction. Maintaining a disciplined investment approach and keeping liquidity in hand is strongly advised.

Reliance NU Energies Wins 350 MW Solar-BESS Project from SJVN

Reliance NU Energies, a subsidiary of Reliance Power, has secured a significant renewable energy project from SJVN Limited, marking a major milestone in its transition to clean energy. The company won a 350 MW solar project integrated with a 175 MW/700 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), making it one of India's most competitively priced and technologically advanced renewable energy projects.

The project, awarded through SJVN's tariff-based competitive bidding process, came at a fixed tariff of ₹3.33/kWh for a period of 25 years. Once operational, the installation will add 600 MWP of solar photovoltaic (PV) capacity and 700 MWh of storage capacity to Reliance Power's portfolio, significantly bolstering its standing as a leader in integrated solar and storage solutions. The BESS component will enable a four-hour backup energy discharge, ensuring peak-time power supply to state electricity distri-



bution companies (Discoms).

This win represents the largest allocation from SJVN's 1,200 MW solar tender, which includes a total of 600 MW/2,400 MWh of BESS, all connected to the Inter-State Transmission System (ISTS) network. The tender attracted substantial industry interest, with 19 companies participating and 18 qualifying for the final e-reverse auction. The project will be developed under a Build-Own-Operate (BOO) model in accordance with guidelines from the Ministry of Power.

With this addition, Reliance Power's clean energy pipeline now stands at 2.5 GWP of solar capacity and 2.5 GWh of BESS, the largest such portfolio in India. The company is currently awaiting the Letter of Award (LoA) from SJVN to proceed with development.

In a parallel development, Reliance NU Suntech Pvt. Ltd., another subsidiary of Reliance Power, recently signed a 25-year Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) to build Asia's largest integrated solar and BESS project. This ₹10,000 crore initiative will feature 930 MW of solar capacity paired with 465 MW/1860 MWh BESS, at a fixed tariff of ₹3.53/kWh.

With an existing operational portfolio of 5,305 MW, including the world's largest coal-based power plant at Sasan (3,960 MW), Reliance Power's strategic pivot toward renewables is rapidly reshaping its energy future.



Apple’s All-Glass iPhone:

A Futuristic Design for the 20th Anniversary

Apple is reportedly preparing a groundbreaking redesign for the iPhone’s 20th anniversary, set for 2027. According to a Bloomberg report, the company is working on a radically new iPhone that will feature a mostly glass, curved body with a wraparound display—no visible cutouts for cameras or sensors, a truly futuristic look.

The new design is expected to be a significant departure from the current iPhones, which already have a glass

body. Apple aims to push the boundaries of innovation, creating a device that looks and feels ahead of its time. The phone is likely to have an even higher screen-to-body ratio than previous models, further immersing users in the display experience. While it may not mimic the all-screen concept of Xiaomi’s Mi MIX Alpha, Apple’s 20th anniversary iPhone is expected to offer a fresh take on what a premium, futuristic phone should look like.

In essence, Apple wants to replicate

the impact of the iPhone X, which was a major turning point in smartphone design. For the 20th anniversary, the goal is to create a device that combines cutting-edge technology with the sleek, premium feel that has come to define the iPhone. It will no doubt be a statement device, marking two decades of innovation in the smartphone world. As the 2027 launch approaches, all eyes will be on Apple’s ambitious plans to transform the iPhone into a true icon of the future.

AI Use at Work Can Lead to Perceptions of Laziness and Lack of Intelligence

A recent study reveals that individuals who use AI tools like ChatGPT, Gemini, and Copilot at work are often seen as lazy, less competent, and less intelligent by their colleagues. While AI has been shown to boost productivity in various tasks, this research highlights a hidden social cost for those who rely on these technologies.

The study, funded by Duke University and published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, examined how the use of AI is perceived in the workplace. Despite the growing role of AI in improving efficiency, it appears that employees who use these tools are judged negatively in terms of motivation and intellectual ability.

The research suggests that while AI can be an asset for streamlining tasks and enhancing productivity, it may also create a stigma, with coworkers viewing AI users

as taking shortcuts or relying on technology to do the work for them. This perception of laziness and incompetence could have consequences for workplace dynamics and career advancement.

As AI becomes an integral part of the modern workplace, this study serves as a reminder that its use might not always be viewed positively by peers, despite the clear benefits in productivity. The findings encourage a deeper conversation about how AI is reshaping not only work processes but also workplace perceptions and relationships.



Swiggy Delivery Agent’s Heartwarming Story of Balancing Work and Fatherhood Goes Viral

A Swiggy delivery agent, Pankaj, has touched hearts across the internet after a story about his dedication as a single father went viral. His story was shared by Gurugram-based CEO Mayank Agarwal on LinkedIn, capturing the attention and empathy of thousands.

Pankaj’s situation is both inspiring and heartbreaking. After losing his wife during childbirth, he was left to raise his two-year-old daughter, Tun Tun, on his own. With no one else to care for her, Pankaj brings his daughter along with him during food deliveries. This became clear when Agarwal, who had requested his delivery to be brought upstairs, was surprised to hear a child’s voice on the phone. Upon stepping outside, he saw little Tun Tun quietly sitting on the bike while Pankaj worked.

In his post, Agarwal praised Pankaj for his quiet resilience, noting that despite facing significant challenges, he never complained. “Some customers have suggested that he stay at home if he can’t manage, but he simply smiles and continues with his work,” Agarwal wrote, highlighting the delivery agent’s unwavering dedication.

The emotional post struck a chord with users across social media, many of whom expressed admiration for Pankaj’s perseverance. Some users shared how important kindness and empathy are in daily interactions, especially toward gig workers who often don’t have access to a support sys-



tem. Others offered to help Pankaj, acknowledging his hard work in the face of adversity.

One user commented, “Being kind and considerate truly goes a long way. This story is a beautiful reminder of humanity and compassion.” Another pointed out how a little empathy could go a long way in changing lives, especially for individuals like Pankaj, who show extraordinary strength despite their circumstances.

This story not only highlights Pankaj’s dedication as a father but also sheds light on the struggles of gig workers, calling for more institutional support and understanding for individuals who are balancing work and family responsibilities.

Cruise Passenger Spots Billionaire Richard Branson Casually Enjoying Pizza, Video Goes Viral

A video of British business magnate Richard Branson casually enjoying a slice of pizza aboard one of his own cruise ships has gone viral, capturing the attention of social media users worldwide. The clip, which was shared by a cruise passenger, shows Branson, known for founding Virgin Group and Virgin Voyages, relaxing and eating a simple meal during his time on the cruise.

The video quickly gained traction online as people marveled at Branson’s down-to-earth and unassuming demeanor, especially considering his billionaire status. In the footage, Branson appears relaxed and content, seated comfortably as he enjoys his pizza, offering a stark contrast to the often lavish and formal expectations of high-profile business figures.

The passenger who shared the clip expressed their surprise at seeing the renowned entrepreneur in such an ordinary, relatable moment, further fueling interest in the video. Many viewers praised Branson for his ability to remain grounded despite his immense wealth and success, with some even commenting that it was refreshing to see a billionaire partake in such a normal, everyday experience.

Branson, who is known for his adventurous spirit and hands-on approach to his various ventures, including Virgin Galactic and Virgin Voyages, has long maintained an image of being approachable and charismatic. This viral moment only added



to his reputation as a business leader who doesn’t take himself too seriously.

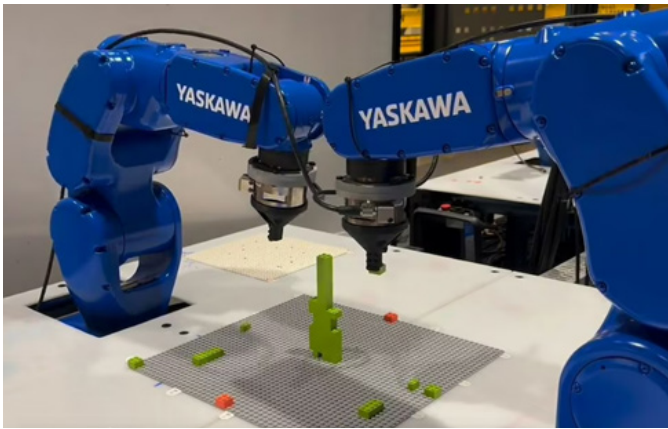
The video also sparked conversations about the luxury cruise industry, with many pointing out how Branson’s relaxed approach to life contrasts with the sometimes over-the-top, exclusive nature of high-end vacations. Whether he’s flying into space or enjoying a slice of pizza on one of his ships, Richard Branson continues to fascinate and inspire people around the globe, proving that even billionaires can enjoy life’s simpler pleasures.

LegoGPT: AI Model Generates Physically Stable Lego Structures

A groundbreaking AI model called LegoGPT, developed by researchers from Carnegie Mellon University, has been unveiled to generate three-dimensional (3D) Lego designs that are not only innovative but also stable and buildable. The model is an open-source project aimed at exploring whether AI can create structures that align with real-world physics while maintaining structural integrity.

LegoGPT is based on the LLaMA-3.2-Instruct large language model (LLM), which has been fine-tuned with one billion parameters. This enables the model to take text prompts and generate corresponding Lego designs that are stable enough to stand upright without collapsing. Examples of prompts include requests for a “streamline elongated vessel” or a “backless bench with armrest.” These AI-generated structures are then tested for stability through a combination of human and robotic assembly.

To ensure that the generated designs are physically sound, the researchers incorporated Gurobi, a mathematical optimization solver, into LegoGPT. This solver runs stability analysis on each structure to verify its robustness. The model is also trained using a custom dataset, StableText2Lego, which contains over 47,000 Lego structures and 28,000 unique 3D objects, each accom-



panied by detailed captions, design code, and models.

The stability of these AI-generated designs has been rigorously tested. In one experiment, a dual robot assembly recreated the Lego structures and confirmed their stability. Furthermore, human participants, some with less dexterity, also built the structures, and the results were similarly impressive. According to the research, 99.8% of the generated Lego structures passed the stability test.

LegoGPT is now available for download on GitHub under a permissive MIT license, offering the public the chance to explore and utilize the model for various design and educational purposes. The project showcases the potential of AI in not just creating designs but ensuring they can function in the real world, bridging the gap between creativity and practicality.

Virat Kohli Bids Farewell to Test Cricket After Glorious 14-Year Career

Virat Kohli, one of the modern greats of the game, has officially announced his retirement from Test cricket, bringing an end to a celebrated 14-year journey in the longest format. The 36-year-old confirmed his decision through an emotional Instagram post on May 12, 2025, just days after Rohit Sharma's own Test retirement sent shockwaves through Indian cricket.

Speculation had been building for weeks, and Kohli's announcement came after it was reported that he had informed the selectors of his decision to step away ahead of India's upcoming five-Test series in England, starting June 20.

Kohli made his Test debut in 2011 and went on to play 123 matches, amassing 9,230 runs at an average of 46.85. His record includes 30 centuries and 31 fifties, with his peak performance coming between 2016 and 2019. However, the last five years saw a dip in form, as he averaged just 30.72 in 39 Tests since 2020, managing only three centuries in that period. His recent tour of Australia was underwhelming, where he scored just 190 runs across nine innings, despite a lone century in Perth.

In his farewell message, Kohli reflected on the personal and transformative journey Test cricket has been for him. "It's been 14 years since I first wore the baggy blue in Test cricket. Honestly, I never imagined the journey this format would take me on," he wrote. He spoke of the deep, quiet struggles and unforgettable moments that defined his career in whites.

"There's something deeply personal about playing in whites... It's not easy to step away, but it feels right. I've given it everything, and it's given me back so much more than I could've hoped for," Kohli added, expressing heartfelt gratitude to his teammates, fans, and the game itself.

Signing off as India's 269th Test cricketer, Kohli ends an era filled with passion, intensity, and unmatched commitment to the red-ball game. His departure marks a significant shift in Indian cricket, leaving behind a legacy that will be remembered for generations.

Kohli on May 12, 2025, announced his retirement from Test cricket, ending an illustrious 14-year career (2011-2025) in the format.

Stats as Test captain

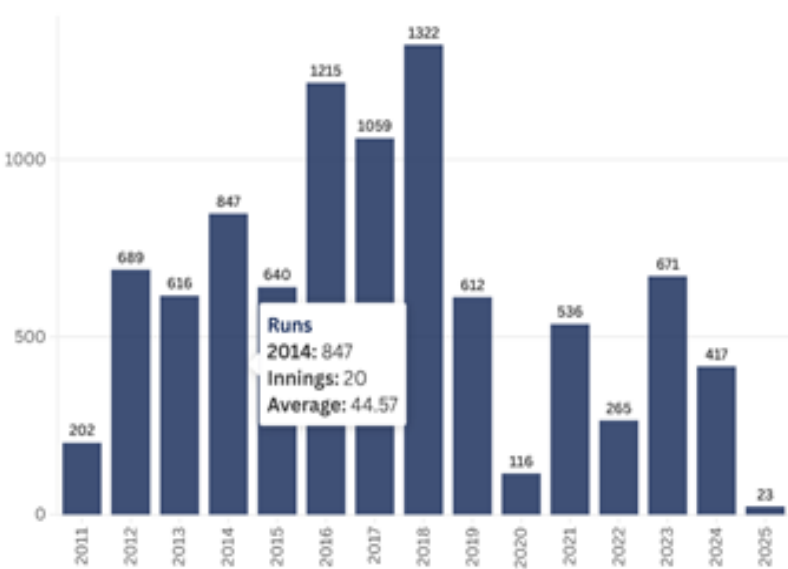
Matches	68
Won	40
Lost/Draw	17 / 11
W/L	2.352
Away wins	16
Home wins	24

Batting stats

	M	Inn	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	100/50
Tests	123	210	9,230	254*	46.85	55.57	30/31
ODI	302	290	14,181	183	57.88	93.34	51/74
T20I	125	117	4,188	122*	48.69	137.04	1/38



Virat Kohli's Test runs | Year-wise



Narsapuram Gears Up for 8th Nuli Sai Abhay Memorial Under-19 Chess Tournament

Nuli Sai Abhay Memorial

'AP State Under-19 Chess Championship-2025 with Prize Money of ₹64,000/- Tournament brochure was officially launched today by 'Honourable Government Of AP-Whip' Sri. Bommidu Nayar (Narsapuram MLA), alongside Dr. Nuli Srinivas,Chandra Sekhar. The tournament is scheduled to be held on May 28th at the Narsapuram Highway Inn(AC Hall), and boasts an attractive for the Open & Girls Champions. **Place:** ₹10,000 for Boys **Place:** ₹10,000 for Girls **FREE FOOD & RETRUN GIFTS**

Narsapuram, [May12,2025] – The stage is set for the 8th edition of the Nuli Sai Abhay Memorial AP State Under-19 Open and Girls Chess Tournament, with the official brochure unveiled today by local MLA and Government Whip Bommidu Nayakar at the Janase-na Party office. The tournament, an annual tribute, is scheduled to commence on May 28th, 2025, at 10:00 AM at the AC Hall of a local Highway Inn, promising a

day of intense strategic battles among young talents. Mr. Nayakar commended the consistent organization of the prestigious event over the past eight years and extended his appreciation to Dr. Nuli Srinivas, Secretary and Correspondent of BGBS Women's College, for his unwavering support. Dr. Srinivas highlighted the tournament's significance as a yearly commemoration of his son, featuring an attractive cash prize of ₹64,000. Adding to the anticipation, S.S. Chandrasekhar, Secretary of Master Chess Academy, announced an expected participation of around 400 budding chess players from across all districts of Andhra Pradesh. He emphasized that the competition is open to both boys and girls under the age of 19, fostering a platform for young minds to showcase their skills. The brochure launch event also witnessed the presence of yoga guru Jakkam Babji, among other dignitaries. Chess enthusiasts and interested participants can seek further information by contacting 9440867370.



Carlos Alcaraz, Alexander Zverev March Into Italian Open Last 16

Carlos Alcaraz and Alexander Zverev cruised into the last 16 of the Italian Open on Sunday, May 11, with commanding performances in their respective matches. The day also saw top women's seeds Aryna Sabalenka and Coco Gauff book their spots in the next round, keeping their title hopes alive in Rome.

Alcaraz, the four-time Grand Slam champion, overcame a spirited challenge from Laslo Djere to win 7-6 (7/2), 6-2 on centre court. This marks the Spaniard's first-ever fourth-round appearance at the Foro Italico. Still returning to full fitness after a thigh injury sustained in the Barcelona Open final last month, the 22-year-old admitted to not being at his best early on. He was broken twice in the opening set, but regained control in the tiebreak before cruising through the second set.

Alcaraz now faces Karen Khachanov in the next round, after the Russian eased past Italian wild card Francesco Passaro 6-3, 6-0.

Meanwhile, defending champion and world number two Alexander Zverev made short work of Lithuanian qualifier Vilius Gaubas, sealing a 6-4, 6-0 win in just under 90 minutes. Zverev, who had earlier spoken about



burnout issues, looked sharp and confident, setting up a much-anticipated clash with France's Arthur Fils, who upset Stefanos Tsitsipas in three sets.

It was also a strong showing for French tennis, with Corentin Moutet stunning world number nine Holger Rune 7-5, 5-7, 7-6 (7/4) for his first-ever win over a top-10 player. Moutet will face fifth seed Jack Draper next.

Daniil Medvedev, another tournament favorite, also advanced after defeating Alexei Popyrin 6-4, 6-1 and will now face Italian Lorenzo Musetti.

In the women's draw, Aryna Sabalenka had to fight back from a sluggish start to defeat former Australian Open champion Sofia Kenin. Despite misfiring in the first set and expressing discomfort with the court conditions, Sabalenka found her rhythm to seal the win. She will now face Marta Kostyuk, who beat Leylah Fernandez 6-4, 6-2.

With Iga Swiatek knocked out earlier by Danielle Collins, Sabalenka has a strong shot at capturing her third WTA 1000 title of the year. Coco Gauff also progressed, defeating Magda Linette 7-5, 6-3. She will meet Emma Raducanu in the next round.

Indian Campaign Ends in Second Round at World Squash Championships

India's hopes at the IPSA World Squash Championships came to an early close as all four of the nation's players were knocked out in the second round of the prestigious tournament, continuing the country's long wait for a medal at the global event.

In the women's draw, teenage squash prodigy Anahat Singh was the sole Indian participant. She put up a spirited performance but ultimately fell short against Egypt's Fayrouz Aboelkheir, going down 1-3 in a hard-fought contest. Despite showing flashes of brilliance and impressive court coverage, Anahat was unable to match the consistency and aggressive shot-making of her Egyptian opponent, who is currently ranked higher on the PSA circuit.

On the men's side, the remaining three Indian challengers also exited the competition in straight or four-game losses, despite demonstrating glimpses of potential. The defeats highlighted the challenging gap that still exists between Indian players and the top international contenders, particularly from squash powerhouses like Egypt and England.



This outcome continues India's long-standing struggle to make a significant impact at the PSA World Championships. While Indian players have consistently shown promise on the junior and continental levels, success on the world stage has remained elusive. The latest results reflect the need for deeper investments in elite training infrastructure, international exposure, and high-performance coaching to compete with the sport's top-tier nations.

India's squash community has high hopes pinned on young talents like Anahat Singh and a few emerging

male players, but bridging the performance gap at the highest level will take time, resources, and sustained support. As the squash calendar moves forward, attention will now turn to the upcoming Asian circuit and the Commonwealth and Asian Games, where Indian players have historically fared better.

For now, the World Championships once again serve as a reminder of the intense global competition and the road Indian squash still has to travel to reach the sport's pinnacle.



Pawan Kalyan’s ‘OG’ Shoot Resumes, Fans Celebrate Comeback Update

Pawan Kalyan fans have a big reason to cheer as the shooting of the much-awaited film *They Call Him OG* has officially resumed today, May 12, 2025. While the actor has multiple projects lined up, including *Hari Hara Veera* Mallu and *Ustaad Bhagat Singh*, it's *OG* that has generated the most buzz among his fanbase. The film had made strong progress in its early stages, but production slowed down due to Pawan Kalyan's involvement in elections and political activities.

Directed by the talented Sujeeth, the movie is now back on track and trending online, thanks to a viral photo shared by a member of the camera crew. This behind-the-scenes update has excited fans, confirming that the filming has resumed and that momentum is picking up once again.

Interestingly, the film's team continued to shoot even during Pawan Kalyan's absence, demonstrating their commitment to maintaining progress. However, the most exciting part of this update is that Pawan Kalyan himself is expected to rejoin the sets this week. According to inside reports, the actor is keen to finish his scenes swiftly—just as he did recently for *Hari Hara Veera* Mallu. This approach is expected to speed up the post-production phase, sparking speculation that the film might release earlier than initially anticipated.

OG features Priyanka Arul Mohan as the female lead, while Bollywood star Emraan Hashmi plays the antagonist. The ensemble cast also includes Arjun Das, Sriya Reddy, Prakash Raj, Harish Uthaman, and Shaam in significant roles. Produced by DVV Danayya



under the prestigious DVV Entertainment banner, the film promises to be a gripping period gangster drama with a powerful narrative and high production values. The music is composed by Thaman, adding to the overall anticipation surrounding the project.

With Pawan Kalyan returning to the shoot and the team moving ahead with renewed energy, *OG* is shaping up to be one of the most exciting Telugu releases in the near future. Fans can now look forward to more frequent updates and, hopefully, a release date announcement soon.

Nandamuri Taraka Ramarao Makes Film Debut; CM Chandrababu Naidu Extends Best Wishes

A proud moment for the Nandamuri family, as Nandamuri Taraka Ramarao, the son of late Janaki Ram and grandson of Nandamuri Harikrishna, has officially stepped into the film industry. Carrying the legacy of the legendary Nandamuri NTR as a fourth-generation heir, Taraka Ramarao is all set to make his acting debut under the direction of renowned filmmaker YVS Chowdary.



The film had its formal launch today with a traditional pooja ceremony that drew attention from political and film circles alike. Prominent personalities such as Nara Bhuvaneshwari, Union Minister Daggubati Purandeswari, and Garapati Lokeshwari graced the event. In a symbolic moment, Nara Bhuvaneshwari gave the ceremonial first clap for the film's lead pair, wishing them success as the cameras rolled.

On this special occasion, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu took to social media to express his support and share his heartfelt wishes. “My heartfelt congratulations to Taraka Rama Rao on his entry into the industry. I wish NTR great success,” he wrote, acknowledging the young actor's prestigious lineage and encouraging his journey ahead.

Following the event, Taraka Ramarao shared his emotional thoughts with the media and guests. “I believe that the blessings of my great-grandfather NTR, my grandfather Harikrishna, and my father Janaki Ram will always be with me,” he said with gratitude. He also expressed his happiness at having his family members present to support him during such a crucial moment. “The love and support from my family, audience, and media has been overwhelming. I'm thankful to everyone who stood by me since this project was announced.”

The launch of Taraka Ramarao marks the beginning of a new chapter in the Nandamuri family's film legacy. With the support of an experienced director like YVS Chowdary and the blessings of a powerful lineage, all eyes are now on this young actor as he prepares to make his mark in Telugu cinema.

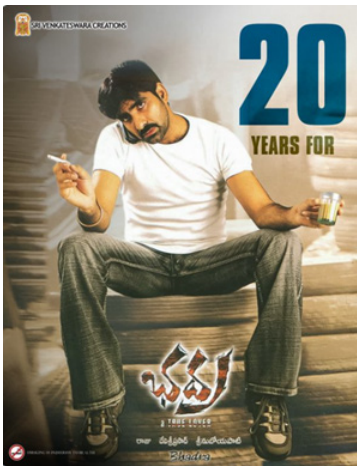
20 Years of Bhadra: A Landmark Film in Ravi Teja’s Career

May 12, 2025, marks the 20th anniversary of *Bhadra*, one of the most iconic and career-defining films for Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja. Released on May 12, 2005, the movie was a massive box office success and established Ravi Teja as a favorite among mass audiences, solidifying his status as a bankable commercial star.

Directed by Boyapati Srinu, who made his directorial debut with this film, *Bhadra* introduced audiences to a unique blend of action, sentiment, and faction-based storytelling. Produced by Dil Raju under the prestigious Sri Venkateswara Creations banner, the film brought together a powerful cast and compelling narrative that clicked well with audiences of all ages.

Starring Meera Jasmine as the female lead opposite Ravi Teja, the film also featured notable performances from veteran actors such as Prakash Raj, Sunil, and Arjan Bajwa. Their strong screen presence and memorable character arcs added emotional depth and humor to the intense storyline.

A major highlight of *Bhadra* was its chartbuster music, composed by Devi Sri Prasad. Songs like “Tirumala Vasa” and “O Manasa” continue to be fan favorites even two decades later, still played at celebrations and remembered fondly by Telugu cinema lovers.



What truly set *Bhadra* apart was its successful blend of romance and action, wrapped in a faction backdrop—a style that later became director Boyapati Srinu's signature. His powerful direction combined with Ravi Teja's energetic performance made *Bhadra* a memorable cinematic experience and a turning point in both their careers.

As the film completes 20 years, fans have taken to social media to celebrate its legacy. From sharing nostalgic clips to posting heartfelt messages, the love for *Bhadra* continues to resonate. The anniversary has turned into a virtual celebration, with fans recalling their favorite moments, songs, and performances from the film.

For Ravi Teja and his fans, *Bhadra* remains not just a movie, but an emotion—a symbol of his rise to stardom and a film that still holds a special place in the hearts of Telugu cinema audiences.

Ram Charan and Pet Dog Rhyme Immortalized in Wax at Madame Tussauds London

In a heartwarming moment for fans and family alike, the illustrious Mega family, including veteran actor Chiranjeevi, his wife Surekha, actor Ram Charan, his wife Upasana, and their beloved pet dog Rhyme, gathered in London for the grand unveiling of Ram Charan's wax statue at the renowned Madame Tussauds Wax Museum.

The unveiling ceremony, held on Saturday, was a blend of pride, celebration, and visual brilliance. What made the occasion even more special was that Charan's statue wasn't alone—his pet Rhyme also got a wax twin, making it one of the few

instances where a celebrity's pet has been honored alongside them. The detailed craftsmanship left everyone amazed, with an uncanny resemblance that made it difficult to tell the real Charan and Rhyme apart from their wax counterparts.

Dressed in a sharp black blazer, Ram Charan added a charming touch to the event by taking the real Rhyme on stage to pose next to the statues, drawing smiles from the crowd and an emotional response from his family. The joy and pride were evident on the faces of Chiranjeevi, Surekha, and Upasana as they witnessed the lifelike figures being revealed.



‘Love Insurance Company’ Gets Release Date, Nayanthara Makes the Big Announcement

Young Tamil actor and filmmaker Pradeep Ranganathan, who rose to fame with the blockbuster *Love Today*, is on a roll with back-to-back film projects. After scoring another recent hit with *Dragon*, Pradeep has now lined up two exciting movies, continuing his successful transition from director to leading actor.

One of the most anticipated among them is *Love Insurance Company*, a unique romantic sci-fi drama with an intriguing concept. The film is being directed by Vignesh Shivan, while his wife and popular actress Nayanthara is producing it in collaboration with SS Lalith Kumar. The project has generated significant buzz not only because of its cast and crew but also due to its unusual theme centered around time travel.

The makers have now officially announced the release date of the film. In a special update, Nayanthara revealed that *Love Insurance Company* will hit theaters on September 18, 2025. The film will be released in



Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Malayalam, expanding its reach across South India.

In *Love Insurance Company*, Pradeep Ran-

ganathan plays the role of a young man who acquires a futuristic mobile device that allows him to travel to the year 2035. His motive? To secure his love in the future—adding a creative twist to a romantic storyline. This blend of technology, romance, and emotion promises to bring something fresh to the audience.

The film also features a strong supporting cast including S. J. Suryah, Krithi Shetty, Yogi Babu, Seeman, Gouri Kishan, and Shah Ra. Their involvement ensures a mix of humor, drama, and impactful performances.

As the shoot continues at a brisk pace, fans are eagerly awaiting further updates and glimpses from the film. With a unique premise and a stellar team, *Love Insurance Company* is shaping up to be one of the most exciting releases of the year. The announcement has already sparked excitement on social media, with fans of Pradeep and Nayanthara sharing their anticipation.